

**William Fairfax to George Washington, June 28, 1755,
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FROM WILLIAM FAIRFAX, ESQ.

WMSBURG. 28th. June 1755.

SIR

I rec'd your Favor of the 7th. inst. which I Show'd to our particular Friends. We rejoyce at your safe Return with the necessary Cash wanted to begin your Progress and are concern'd at the G's unreasonable Impatience and the unmerited Censure of our Want of public Zeal to answer all his Demands. We allow He may know his Wants, and We are the Judges to know our Ability in the Supply. If We are misrepresented home, our Correspondents will acquaint Us therewith and give Us an Opportunity to acquit our Selves of any unjust Complaints—G: Fx writes to me, that He thinks himself obligd to go as far as Will's Creek in quest of and to get Enquiry of his Plowman and Horses, unduly taken from the Plow and carried away without a Valuation and perhaps without Remedy. Will any military Officer take Such a violent Method in Great Britain with Impunity! If so, I do not understand what I read in the Articles of War. We shall be a little impatient till We can know You have passed the rugged and Sometimes thought impassable Mountains call'd the Allegany and have descended into the fertile Plains of the Ohio, driving back the French to their narrow Limits in Canada—The Ho. of Burgesses are now in Debate and forming a Lottery Bill as the most probable Means of raising Money to defray the public Contingencys, Others imagine a Land-Tax would be more Effectual.¹ Our latest

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advices inform, that the King embarqu'd for Hanover the 29th of April—The Duke at the head of the Regency. A French Squadron from Brest sayld to the Wtern Parts of Ireland, Sr Edwd. Hawke & Adml. Boscawen gone after them. The Bearer Capt. Shaw lately from England, last from So. Carolina is recomended by the Duke as an Officer worthy of General Braddock's Regards and goes to receive his Commands. I cant doubt but your Merit prevents You from being Maltreated on Accot. of your endeavoring to vindicate your Countrymen wherein they may be fairly vindicated. Please to make my kind Complts. to Capt Cholmondly, Lt Locke and Such other Officers as appear to think Me worthy of their Remembrance. Yr Mother & family are well and Send their Several Greetings, desiring often to know of yr Welfare & Progress.

I am dear Sr Your faithful & affect Friend &c W. FAIRFAX

1 Governor Dinwiddie writes in a letter to Governor Dobbs, dated July 8, 1755, "Our Assembly, now sittg. have given me by vote, 2:000£ to guard the Frontiers from these Depredats. I have in Consequence thereof order'd three Compas. of fifty men each to be imediately rais'd. They have further voted 10.000£ more for the Expeditn. and 600£ to raise Men for Fort Cumberld. They have laid 15d. on every 100 acres of Land and 2s on every tithable Negroe, and 10 per Ct. more than former Duties on all Negroes imported, to be pd. by the purchaser. As Silver and Gold is very scarce they issue 20.000£ in Treasury Notes, to be discharg'd and pd. next June, and a Lottery for 20.000£ to be drawn next Decr." The lottery was to be conducted by six directors: John Robinson, Charles Carter, Peyton Randolph, Landon Carter, Carter Burwell, Benjamin Waller, and James Power. The price of the tickets was fixed at £1, 1s. 6d. each.—HENING.